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SENATE BILL 561

Short Title: Chiropractor Co-Pay Parity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); and Sanderson.

Referred to: Insurance.

April 1, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REENACT A LAW CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN  
3 CO-PAYMENTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-50-30(a3) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a3) Whenever any health benefit plan, subscriber contract, or policy of insurance issued  
7 by a health maintenance organization, hospital or medical service corporation, or insurer  
8 governed by Articles 1 through 67 of this Chapter provides coverage for medically necessary  
9 treatment, the insurer shall not impose any limitation on treatment or levels of coverage if  
10 performed by a duly licensed chiropractor acting within the scope of the chiropractor's practice  
11 as defined in G.S. 90-151 unless a comparable limitation is imposed on the medically necessary  
12 treatment if performed or authorized by any other duly licensed physician. An insurer shall not  
13 impose as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage a co-payment amount charged to the  
14 insured for chiropractic services that is higher than the co-payment amount charged to the  
15 insured for the services of a duly licensed primary care physician for a comparable medically  
16 necessary treatment or condition."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2014, and applies to insurance  
18 policies issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

